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will be given in the ST. GEORGE'S HALL  
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Hongkong, December 2, 1907. 1918

## NOTICE.

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G. DE CHAMPEAUX.  
Hongkong, December 2, 1907. 1909

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Invitation Cards are now available, and  
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A Late Lunch will leave Ferry Wharf  
for Kowloon at 1.30 A.M.

JOHN J. BLAKE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, December 13, 1907. 1972

## NOTICE.

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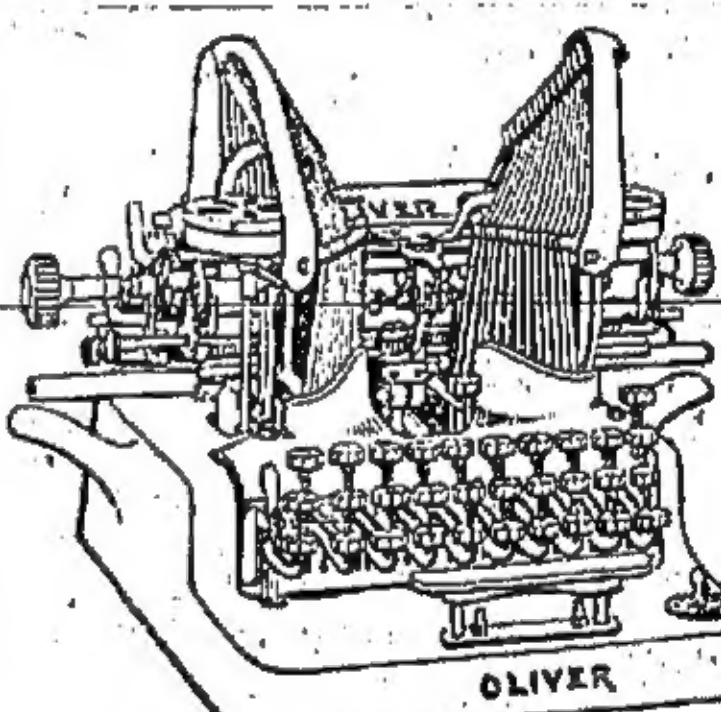
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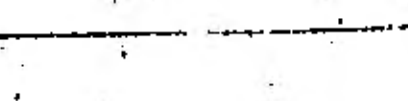
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## LATE TELEGRAMS.

(FROM THE HORN HERALD.)

## ENGLAND'S RECEPTION OF THE KAISER.

LONDON, November 30.

It is reported from Berlin that Prince

Buelow, the Imperial Chancellor, has

delivered a speech at the Reichstag, in

which he said that the Anglo-Russian

Agreement is in no way adverse to Ger-

many. He expressed gratitude for the

profound cordiality with which Great

Britain received the Kaiser, and declared

that the history of the past ten years show-

ed that the friendship between Germany and

Great Britain was attributable to misun-

derstanding.

## THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 30.

In compliance with the request of a

meeting held by the Ohio Republican

Club at Columbus on the 20th, Senator

Foraker has openly consented to be a

candidate at the coming Presidential

Election. As Ohio is the native State of

Mr. Taft, the Senator's action will greatly

complicate the question of the Republican

candidate.

## THE DOUMA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 30.

About one hundred reactionary members

of the Douma, who have been endeavour-

ing to bring about another dissolution of

that body on account of its refusal to

recognise the Autocracy of the Czar, have

caused a violent scene. The President

eventually suspended the sitting on the

ground that M. Loshchikoff, by pointing at

the collar of the Prime Minister, had

hinted at the scaffold. The offending

member was compelled to apologise to the

Douma and was ordered to be excluded for

fifteen sittings.

## THE CONDITION OF THE FRENCH NAVY.

LONDON, Nov. 30.

A message from Paris states that the

French Naval Minister has declared that

France should construct six battleships,

each of 28,000 tons, as soon as possible.

The Chamber of Deputies has adopted a

resolution asserting the fundamental reform

of the French Navy to be the most urgent

question.

## THE AMERICAN NAVY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.

Mr. Metcalf, Secretary of the Navy, has

asked Congress for \$70,000,000 for the

construction of four battleships, and four

cruisers, and some auxiliary cruisers for

scouting purposes.

## THE MOROCCAN CRISIS.

LONDON, December 2.

It is reported from Tangiers that the

British Government has accepted Raisuli's

demands in regard to the release of Knid

Sir Harry MacLagan. Britain will give

protection to Raisuli and his followers

and pay a large ransom in return for

which fifty prisoners are to be released.

A message from Paris states that a German

press criticism on the French attitude

toward the Moroccan tribes on the Algerian

frontier, to the effect that France is

endlessly stirring up trouble, has caused

great indignation in the French papers.

"Le Temps" criticises Prince Buelow, the

German Imperial Chancellor, alleging that

he misrepresents France's policy. The

journal asserts that Germany is always

contriving secret intrigues in Morocco and

urges her to exercise more care.

## JAPAN AND AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.

Viscount Aoki, the Japanese Ambassador

at Washington, has called on President

Roosevelt to inform him that he has been

instructed to return home to Japan to

report on various matters. The President

believing that this means the permanent

departure of the Viscount from America,

has expressed his deep regret. He is

certain that the Viscount has been doing

his utmost toward the removal of the

unfriendly feelings between Japan and

America. The general public is paying

great attention to the attitude of the

Japanese Government. It is increasingly

believed that Count Hayashi, the Japanese

Foreign Minister, is determined to continue

to pursue a policy calculated to injure the

relations between Japan and America. In

this connection, it is regarded as very

strange that Viscount Aoki has been

instructed to return home, as he had taken

up a very friendly attitude toward America.

## Intimations.

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Apply to A. V. BREWIN, Registrar General's Office, Hongkong, December 3, 1907. 1915

**TO LET.**  
HOUSES in LYVENNON VILLAS, KOWLOON, and QUELUS, No. 14, MACDONALD ROAD, Hongkong, a Five-Roomed House, furnished or unfurnished.  
Apply to "CALDER," Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office, Hongkong, September 21, 1907. 1521

**TO LET.**  
CROWNST, BARKER ROAD; Unfurnished or Partly Furnished.  
Apply to C. L. GORHAM, 3, Pudders Street, Hongkong, December 2, 1907. 1912

**TO LET.**  
OFFICES in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.  
Apply to SECRETARY, A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, April 22, 1907. 730

**TO LET—FURNISHED.**  
N. 1, SALISBURY AVENUE, Kowloon, from 1st November, 1907.  
GEO. P. LAMMERT, Hongkong, September 25, 1907. 1547

**TO LET.**  
70,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, with 200 foot frontage to Kowloon Bay. Moderate Rental.  
Apply to Messrs FARRELL & LYSAUGHT, Hongkong, August 23, 1907. 1369

**TO LET.**  
FROM 1st DECEMBER, OR LATER  
N. 5, WOODLANDS TERRACE, CASTLE ROAD. 8 Rooms. Fine view of the Harbour.  
Apply to M. M. N. DA SILVA, c/o Messrs GUERDES & Co., Hongkong, October 30, 1907. 1742

**TO LET.**  
A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE, KOWLOON.  
Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd., Hongkong, December 1, 1907. 20

**TO LET.**  
NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOP in DES VEXES ROAD CENTRAL, moderate rental.  
FLATS in DES VEXES ROAD CENTRAL, No. 14, SALISBURY AVENUE, Kowloon.  
No. 2, GRANVILLE AVENUE, Kowloon.  
No. 3, EAST TERRACE, Kowloon.  
Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., Ltd., Hongkong, August 13, 1907. 1321

**TO LET.**  
BEACONSFIELD AROADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Rooms, 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Top Floor (over Caldwell, Macgregor & Co.) BEILIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.  
GLENNWOOD, CABLE ROAD, suitable for a Boarding House or Club, contains 28 Rooms.  
No. 6, DES VEXES VILLAS (Peak), No. 2, BEACONSFIELD AROADE, OFFICES in QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, No. 55, ELGIN STREET (Corner House).  
BISHOP'S LODGE SOUTH (Peak), partly furnished, immediate possession.  
No. 1, MOUNTAIN VIEW (Peak), FURNISHED—For 4 or 5 months from 1st December, 1907.  
OFFICES on the Third Floor of "HORIZON" MANSIONS, 3 Rooms Corner, over Messrs KRUSE & Co., fine position. Cheap rental.  
No. 2, PRAYA GRANDE, MALAO, 6 Rooms, newly painted and repaired and well-furnished. Possession from 1st January, 1908.  
Apply to LINDSEY & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, April 12, 1907. 1911

**To Let.**

**TO LET.**  
No. 38, CAINES ROAD.  
AUCTION ROOMS, No. 2, ZETLAND STREET.  
No. 2, FAIRVIEW, ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon.  
Apply to LEIGH & ORANGE, 1, Des Vexes Road, Hongkong, October 8, 1907. 25

**TO LET.**  
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.  
GODOWNS Nos. 95, 98 and 101, PRAYA EAST.  
Apply to CHATER & MODY, Victoria Buildings, Hongkong, June 19, 1907. 1055

**TO LET.**  
FROM OCTOBER 1.  
No. 1, ANTRIM VILLAS, DES VEXES ROAD, Kowloon.  
Apply to Messrs FARRELL & LYSAUGHT, Hongkong, September 9, 1907. 1462

**TO LET.**  
IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.  
GODOWNS Nos. 95, 98, 99 and 99A, PRAYA EAST.  
Apply to SECRETARY, THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO S.B. CO., LTD., Hotel Mansions, Hongkong, July 23, 1907. 1200

**TO LET.**  
HATHERLEIGH, CONDOIT ROAD.  
A HOUSE in CLIFTON GARDENS, OFFICES in PRAYA EAST, Blue Buildings, No. 15, Des Vexes Road next to the Hongkong Hotel.  
FLATS in MORTON TERRACE, OFFICES on Top Floor No. 2, CONDOIT ROAD, facing the Cricket Ground.  
Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd., Hongkong, December 1, 1907. 24

**Dentistry.**  
**DR. HARRY FONG,**  
AMERICAN TRAINED DENTIST.  
ELECTROAL and Latest Improved Appliances.  
21, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. 1319

**SIEN TING**  
Surgeon Dentist,  
No. 14, D'ARQUIER STREET.  
TERMS VERY MODERATE  
Consultation Free. 26

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Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., Ltd., Hongkong, December 1, 1907. 20

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Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., Ltd., Hongkong, August 13, 1907. 1321

**GEO. P. LAMMERT AUCTIONEER.**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on **THURSDAY,** the 18th December, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, Comprising—  
BRASS and BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS, TRUNK WARDROBES, with BEVELLED MIRRORS, TOILET TABLES, MARBLE TOP WASHSTANDS, TOILET CHAIRS, WHITE LACED CHAIRS, etc. TEAK SIDEBOARD, DINING TABLES and CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGONS, TEA and OCCASIONAL TABLES, UPHOLSTERED EASY CHAIRS, OVERHUNG CHAIRS, and RUGS, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE, CUTLERY, etc., etc.;  
SOME FINE PIECES OF CANTON BLACKWOOD WARE, Comprising—CABINETS, TABLES, TEAPOTS, FLOWER STANDS, PHOTO FRAMES (all suitable for Christmas presents).  
On View from Wednesday, the 18th Dec., 1907.  
Catalogues will be issued.  
Terms—Cash on delivery.

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on **SATURDAY,** the 21st December, 1907, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, A QUANTITY OF GOLD and SILVER WARE, Comprising—  
GOLD SLEEVES, LINTS, SCARFINS, WATCH CHAINS, BROOCHES, LOCKETS, BRACELETS, etc., etc.;  
SILVER TEA SETS, BELLY CUPS, CHAIRS and UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS, BUTTER Dishes, etc., etc.;  
A FEW ROLLS CANTON FILK, TEKON—An Curiosity.  
On View from Friday, (p.m.) the 20th December, 1907.  
Hongkong, December 16, 1907. 157

**SATURDAY AND MONDAY.**  
The 21st and 23rd December, commencing each day at 11 a.m., at No. 2, ZETLAND STREET—  
A LARGE QUANTITY OF WINES and SPIRITS, CHAMPAGNE (MOET and CHANSON, and V. CLOUTIER), BRANDY (HENNESSY 3 STAR, LARCHE 3 STAR), LIQUEURS (MARIE BEIZARD and CUSNIER), BOURBON (CHARENTAIS, CHARENTAIS, BORDAUX, WHISKY (JAT PALMER, ST. GERVAIS, MOUTON, COGNAC), PORT WINE, SHERRY, etc., etc.;  
Also, A QUANTITY OF ENGLISH, FRENCH and GERMAN PROVISIONS, from well-known Firms.  
On View from Friday, the 19th Dec. Terms—Cash on delivery.

**MONDAY,** the 23rd December, 1907, commencing at 5 p.m., at his SALES ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET—  
A FINE LOT OF MECHANICAL TOYS and DOLLS, PAINTED GOODS, MARBLE FIGURES, FLOWER HOLDERS, LEATHER GOODS, etc., etc.;  
TERMS—As Customary.  
Hongkong, December 18, 1907. 1508

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
THE Undersigned have received instructions from Mrs. STEWART, to Sell by Public Auction, on **FRIDAY,** the 20th December, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., within her residence, No. 4, LOCHIE, Tamar, Kowloon, THE WHOLE OF HER VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, TREASURES CONTAINED, Comprising—  
PINE-COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITE, TEAKWOOD OVERMANTLES with BEVELLED GLASS, SILK-EMBROIDERED PICTURES, SCREENS, TEAKWOOD SIDEBOARDS with BEVELLED GLASS, DINING TABLES and CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGONS, DINNER SERVICES, GLASS and E.P. WARE, BRASS-MOUNTED BEDSTEADS and BEDDING, TEAKWOOD WARDROBES with BEVELLED GLASS, MARBLE TOP BUREAU with BEVELLED GLASS, CHEST-OF-DRAWERS, etc., etc., etc.;  
One Cottage Piano by F. Dorn and Sohn, Stuttgart; and  
A Quantity of PAIRS in Pots. Catalogues will be issued.  
TERMS—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers, Hongkong, December 14, 1907. 1880

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**  
Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction, to be held on **MONDAY,** the 23rd day of December, 1907, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of ORON LAND at Cassway Bay, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.  
Particulars of the Lot.

**THE AMERICAN IMMIGRATION QUESTION.**

LONDON, December 2.  
According to a telegram from the correspondent of the Times at San Francisco, the American authorities there declare that, practically speaking, the coming of Japanese immigrants to America has been discontinued. The movements for the exclusion of Orientals are, however, still actively in progress, and a Labour Association has announced a boycott of Orientals. The Japanese on the Pacific coast are endeavouring to restore friendly relations between the Japanese and Americans, and some of them are even encouraging American-Japanese marriages for that purpose.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 1.  
Senator Latham, of South Carolina, who is a member of the Immigration Question Investigation Committee, will submit the results of the investigation to Congress next year. As a result of his investigation of the immigration from South Europe, the Senator considers it necessary to draw up restrictive regulations as soon as possible, and he will submit a Bill on the subject at the coming session. He insists that an educational test should be enforced, and that immigrants should have certificates of character from their home Governments. The Senator is also of opinion that the number of immigrants from South Europe should be restricted to 50,000.

**A FLOATING WORKSHOP.**  
One of the most interesting of recent additions to the Navy is his Majesty's ship Cyclops. Her purpose is to act as a repair ship to the fleet, and to this end she is most admirably equipped. She is a vessel of 11,300 tons displacement, and has a great depth of hold. The greater part of her ample space is utilised for workshops of various kinds. Steel platforms built over the don't-to-bottoms afford a foundation for the heavy machine shops. Here is situated plant which is capable of turning out castings weighing two tons and lathes which will deal with such castings up to a length of fifteen feet, besides other tools of corresponding efficiency. The castings are made in coke furnaces with electric blowers, while the caplars are carried through to the upper deck.  
On another deck are light machine-shops fitted with machinery for dealing with all kinds of lighter metal work, including the testing of water-tubes for boilers and the repair of guns and gun mountings, besides the repair and replacement of every description of electrical equipment. Machinery of the most modern type is installed for drilling, planing, screw cutting, turning, etc., all electrically driven.  
Four electric lifts, square in section, give access from this deck to the lower one, on which the heavy machine work will be carried out. On the top deck are the engineers' and carpenters' offices and workshops for electricians and armourers, while handships are the officers' quarters. Double sets of revolving derricks are provided for taking on board and stowing the material required.  
Electricity for lighting, ventilating, and operating the various machines is generated by four 600-horsepower dynamos.  
There is a wireless telegraph installation on board the ship, and she also has a distilling plant, with tanks for the storage of 800 tons of water. The Cyclops was fitted out at the works of Sir James Lang and Sons, and embodies every improvement which experience in this class of ships has so far suggested.

**For Sale.**  
**FOR SALE.**  
THE Yacht "M. I. N." Winner of one championship and second last year. Fully fitted with all gear. In perfect condition and with a very good set of sails (nearly new) made by Laphome.  
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**FOR SALE.**  
INLAND LOT No. 1706; SITUATE at North Point, SHAUKI, SWAN ROAD, Hongkong, (next to the Metropolitan Hotel).  
The Property contains by admeasurement 109,560 square feet. Crown Rent \$238.00 per annum.  
For further particulars, apply to GOLDING & BARLOW, Solicitors, 10, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, September 11, 1907. 1477

**FOR SALE.**  
**SOUND VOLUMES**  
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A SERIES OF ARTICLES  
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**CHEAP SALE FOR CHRISTMAS.**  
JUST ARRIVED, NEW STOCK OF JAPANESE CURIOS, TEA SETS, SATSUMA, CLOISONNE, H. MATSUNAGA, JAPANESE CURIO STORE, No. 49, ELGIN ROAD, KOWLOON. Hongkong, November 27, 1907. 1884

**YUEN CHEONG.**  
SWATOW DRAWN-WORK MANUFACTURER.  
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ALL kinds of DRAWN-THREAD-WEAVE, EMBROIDERED GLASS CLOTH, FEWTER-WARE and LACES, etc., etc. No. 33, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Hongkong.  
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Hongkong, September 24, 1907. 1837

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7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. Every 30 minutes.  
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.  
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**NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.**  
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Extra Cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.  
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JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers. 1861

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This is a condition (to dwell) to which doctors give many names, but which few of them really understand. It is simply weakness—a broken-down, as it were, of the mental forces that sustain the system. No matter what may be its cause (for they are almost innumerable), it is a condition which makes the most prominent being a weakling, sense of prostration or weariness, depression of spirit and want of energy for all the ordinary affairs of life. Now, what a loss is absolutely essential in all such cases is increased vitality—vitality, that is, the ability to throw off these morbid feelings, and experience power that an eight-succumb to this day may be more certainly secured by a course of the celebrated life-reviving tonic.

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**Banks.**

**HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**  
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS.....\$10,000,000  
Sterling.....\$10,000,000  
Silver.....\$10,000,000  
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COUNT OF DIRECTORS:—  
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.  
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent per annum on the daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months 2 1/2 per cent per annum.  
" 6 " 3 " " "  
" 12 " 4 " " "  
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong, August 17, 1907. 68

**HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.**  
THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.  
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3 1/2 PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.  
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong, January 12, 1907. 1517

**THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.**  
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£1,125,000  
RESERVE FUNDS.....£1,125,000  
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.  
INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum on the Daily Balance.  
On Fixed Deposits:—  
For 12 Months.....4 1/2 %  
" 6 ".....3 1/2 %  
" 3 ".....2 1/2 %  
EVAN ORMISTON, Manager, Hongkong, May 1, 1907. 43

**THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED.**  
(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER).  
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....Yen 5,000,000  
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....Yen 3,750,000  
RESERVE FUNDS.....Yen 635,000  
HEAD OFFICE:—TAIPEI, FORMOSA.  
BRANCHES AND AGENTS:—  
Amoy, Kobe, Nagasaki, Taipei, Anqing, Fuzhou, Osaka, Tientsin, Swatow, Shanghai, Yokohama.  
HONGKONG OFFICE:—  
3, DES VEXES ROAD.  
Interest allowed on Current Account. Deposits received on terms which may be seen on application.  
D. TOWDOW, Manager, Hongkong, April 5, 1907. 21

**YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.**  
ESTABLISHED 1860.  
CAPITAL PAID-UP.....Yen 24,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS.....Yen 15,557,000  
BRANCHES AND AGENTS:—  
TOKYO, KOBÉ, NAGASAKI, LONDON, LYONS, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, BOMBAY, SHANGHAI, HANKOW, CANTON, PEKING, NEWCHANG, PORT ARTHUR, DALNY, ANTUNG, LIAOYANG, MUKDEN, TAI-LING, CHANG-CHUN.  
HEAD OFFICE:—YOKOHAMA.  
HONGKONG—Interest allowed.  
On Current Account at the Rate of 2 1/2 per cent on the daily balance.  
ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—  
For 12 months.....4 1/2 %  
For 6 months.....3 1/2 %  
For 3 months.....2 1/2 %  
TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager, Hongkong, April 6, 1907. 6

**THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.**  
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.  
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£280,000  
RESERVE FUNDS.....£1,075,000  
RESERVE LIABILITIES OF PROPERTIES.....£280,000  
INTEREST allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 1/2 per cent per annum on the Daily balance.  
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 1/2 %  
" 6 " 3 1/2 %  
" 3 " 2 1/2 %  
JOHN ARMISTONG, Manager, Hongkong, May 18, 1907. 64

**Banks.**

**THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.**  
HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.  
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$200,475  
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$243,718  
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS.....\$2,123,350  
RESERVE FUNDS.....\$300,000  
LONDON BRANCH:—  
61, Old Broad Street, E.C.4.  
MANAGER:—GEORGE MCKENNA.  
LONDON BANKERS:—  
Commercial Bank of Scotland.  
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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5 per cent.  
" 6 " 4 " "  
" 3 " 3 " "  
G. O. MCKENNA, Managing Director, Hongkong, September 28, 1906. 8

**NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.**  
(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY).  
ESTABLISHED 1824.  
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....fl. 45,000,000 (£2,750,000).  
RESERVE FUNDS fl. 3,375,375 (£2,448,000).  
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Auction.  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-  
niture, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's  
Sales Room.Amusements.  
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

Friday, December 20.—  
Goods per *Myopodia* undelivered after  
noon on this date subject to rent.Saturday, December 21.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Gold and Silver-  
ware, &c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's  
Sales Room.11 a.m.—Auction of Wines and Spirits  
&c., at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales  
Room.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Monday, December 23.—  
Goods per *Palani* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.5 p.m.—Auction of Mechanical Toys  
and Dolls, Fancy Goods, &c., at  
Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Room.Tuesday, December 24.—  
Goods per *Benary* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

The China Mail

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1907.

AUSTRALIA'S ARMY.

Strictly speaking Australia has no  
army, that is to say it has only two  
thousand regulars so widely scattered  
as to be scarcely worth taking into ac-  
count. These men are for the greater  
part garrison artillery. There is no  
regular infantry or cavalry. But there  
is a species of militia and every State  
has its volunteer forces while most large  
public schools can boast of cadet corps.  
In 1906 the approximate peace effective  
force was made up as follows: Perma-  
nent Forces 1,380; Militia, 14,500;  
Volunteers, 4,700; Rifle Clubs, 30,000;  
Cadets, 8,700. On a war footing it was  
estimated that a field force of 25,000  
would be available. This is rather a  
pitiable showing when it is remembered  
that the population of Australia is about  
four millions and that, on a per capita  
basis, it is one of the richest countries  
in the world. When we turn to Canada  
we find that the Dominion's approximate  
peace establishment is 46,000 and the  
approximate war establishment 105,000  
of all ranks. This was in 1906. The  
population of Canada that year was  
estimated at 5,756,000 and that of the  
Commonwealth at 3,774,000. It will  
be seen at once from this that the  
Dominion is doing its duty by itself and  
the Empire much better than is the  
Commonwealth. It is not surprising  
therefore that Mr Alfred Deakin, Prime  
Minister of the Commonwealth, should  
advocate compulsory military training  
for Australian youths. There is a  
marked disinclination among Australians  
to place themselves under strict disci-  
pline. As is generally known the  
constitution of the Commonwealth is the  
most democratic in the world. Class  
distinctions exist in Australia, as they  
always must in every part of the world,  
but the line of demarcation is not so  
sharp as in other countries, and, in the  
ordinary avocations of life, men have  
scope for a display of individuality and  
independence which would be almost  
impossible elsewhere. It is hard for  
men who have been accustomed to think,  
and largely to act, for themselves to  
sink their individuality and become a  
cog of a machine over the working of  
which they have no control. Also it  
has to be borne in mind that the re-  
wards in civil life are great and that  
even if the permanent force were en-  
larged, it would be extremely difficult  
to find recruits. The only course open  
seems to be that suggested by Mr  
Deakin. If it were proposed to compel  
all residents of the Commonwealth  
between the ages of 18 and 40 to be  
trained in military arts the proposal  
would never get through Parliament.  
But Mr Deakin merely suggests that all  
youths upon attaining the age of  
eighteen years should be compelled to  
go through a course of military training.  
This would involve the minimum of  
interference with the country's commer-  
cial and industrial activities, and would  
gradually, but surely, build up a force  
capable of resisting any invading force  
ever likely to go to Australia. They  
have in the Commonwealth an anti-  
militarist party which is certain to  
attack Mr Deakin's patriotic proposalbut it may be anticipated that the  
common sense which characterises the  
majority will prevail and that Australia  
will resolutely set about the task of  
preparing for an emergency which  
might occur at any moment. Australia  
should not allow Canada to out-rank  
her among the nations of Greater  
Britain.Our friends in the Straits Settlements  
are getting restive in connection with  
the Crown Agent incubus. A loss of  
about \$60,000 has been caused the Colony  
as a result of depreciation of some of the  
securities bought on its behalf by the  
Crown Agents. Our contemporary, the  
"Straits Times," which never fails to  
say exactly what it thinks, roundly  
declares that this loss was caused through  
the neglect of the Colony's interest by  
the Crown Agents. One of the un-  
official members of the Straits Legislative  
Council, the Hon. Mr T. S. Baker, has  
given notice of his intention of asking,  
at the next meeting of Council, whether  
the Government would call upon the  
Crown Agents to make good to the  
Colony the difference between the  
market value of the securities at the rate  
of exchange on March 27, 1905, the date  
on which a definite and second order  
to sell was wired to the Crown Agents,  
but not acted upon by them, and the ac-  
tual amount that was finally realised and  
accounted for, and, if so, would the  
Government in the event of the Crown  
Agents repudiating liability for such  
loss, either take proceedings for the  
recovery of the amount, or arrange to  
have the matter submitted to arbitra-  
tion? It will be interesting to note  
what reply is given by the Government.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Wu Ting-fang is booked to leave  
Peking on December 23 for his new post  
at Washington.This afternoon a football team from  
the Canton Christian College are in town  
playing a match against the Queen's  
College team.The Peking Grand Council has been  
ordered by the Throne to wire to Viceroy  
and Governors of provinces to strictly  
prohibit raising foreign shares in dealing  
with mines and railways.There were 377 European and 174  
Chinese visitors to the City Hall Library,  
and 145 European and 11,476 Chinese  
visitors to the Museum during the week  
ended 15th December, 1907.It is reported from Hiroshima that at  
noon on Dec. 8, an explosion took place  
while some ammunition was being dried at  
the *Nasami* battery, near that city. Two  
men were killed and two others severely  
injured.Tokyo, Dec. 12.—Further trouble has  
been caused at Vladivostok by the revo-  
lutionaries and they have fought with  
the troops. Over sixty were killed and  
wounded on both sides. In Harbin, it is  
reported, there are disturbances.The steamer *Haimun* (Capt. A. J.  
Robson) got in from Foochow, Amoy,  
and Swatow this morning and reports having  
picked up a fisherman clinging to an  
overturned junk. The man had been in  
the water ten hours. The steamer ex-  
perienced a heavy monsoon and high seas.The continued fall of the price of  
silver and the speculations that have been  
indulged in are likely to seriously disturb  
several of the big Chinese firms in Singa-  
pore. According to private advices  
several crashes are imminent if silver  
continues its downward course.M. Shipoff, the Russian ex-Minister  
of Finance, arrived at Kio-to on the morn-  
ing of the 8th and left the following day  
for Tokyo. While in Kio-to he stayed at  
the Miyako Hotel and received visits from  
both the Governor and Mayor. M. Shipoff  
appeared to be very pleased with his im-  
pressions of the old city.A Seoul telegram to the "Mainichi"  
states that in consequence of the increasing  
cold, the so-called Volunteers in various  
parts of the country are looting more  
extensively than ever, the peaceful in-  
habitants suffering greatly from their  
depredations. At Hwang-gun, Chungchod-  
do, the leader of the local Volunteers has  
circulated a manifesto to the effect that the  
people are under an obligation to supply  
him and his followers with provisions and  
other necessities as he is fighting in their  
cause. His men are looting heavily.The main prop and base for the peace  
of the world is the maintenance of good  
relations between our two countries, and I  
shall further strengthen them as far as lies  
in my power. The German nation's wishes  
coincide with mine. The German Em-  
peror speaking at the Mansion House.CROUP.  
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council  
will be held to-morrow when the Hon. Mr  
H. E. Pollock will ask the following ques-  
tions:-(1) Will the Government state what  
steps it is taking in connection with the  
proposed construction of an additional  
harbour of refuge?(2) Will the Government consider the  
advisability of introducing legislation, as  
to the proof in this Colony of the statutes  
of British possessions and protectorates,  
framed upon similar terms to the Evidence  
(Colonial Statutes) Act, 1907?

A STRANGE DISAPPEARANCE.

An Artillery Sergeant Wanted.

The military authorities and the police  
are exercised over the absence of Sergeant  
Dukes, of the Royal Garrison Artillery.  
Dukes arrived by the *Thropier* Sicilian and  
was on board until about 8.30 on Dec. 10.  
He was not seen after that and at 9.30  
his absence was commented upon. He is  
believed to have gone ashore, but no  
trace has yet been discovered of his  
subsequent movements.It is only natural to expect that in the  
case of a mysterious disappearance various  
theories should be put forth to account for  
it, and this case is no exception to the rule.  
It appears that Dukes was Provost Sergeant  
on the Sicilian and had occasion to reprove  
some of the men in his charge. It is sug-  
gested in some quarters, though the report  
does not gain much credence, that foul play  
is responsible for his absence.Inquiries to-date have failed to elucidate  
the mystery.

TORTURE.

Canton Paper's Comment.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 17.  
An incident has just occurred that has  
caused the editor of the "Canton Daily  
News" to speak out against examination  
by torture. A man suspected of being a  
robber was arrested on one of the native  
passenger boats a few days ago. There was  
only circumstantial evidence against him.  
He was taken to the prison and there ex-  
amined by torture and died. He is said to  
have been well dressed and of refined appear-  
ance, and declared to the very last that he  
was innocent. The editor says that he is  
not prepared to say whether the man was  
innocent or guilty, but it did not appear  
to him that examination by torture was  
quite the thing among a people who desired  
a constitutional form of government.

A TRIO OF ACCIDENTS.

All Terminate Fatally.

Three accidents occurred this morning,  
each of which resulted in the death of an  
adult. The first one occurred at an early  
hour at the Globe Hotel whereby Private  
Kelly, a marine on the U.S. cruiser *Wil-  
mington*, met his death through a fall into  
a passage at the rear of the building. It  
is alleged that Kelly had been indulging  
last night and had paid a visit to other  
hotels, finally arriving at the Globe with  
some friends and engaging a room. He  
retired for the night but apparently went  
out to the rear this morning and fell over  
a landing, sustaining a fracture to the base  
of the skull.An elderly Chinaman, who owned a  
boat, fell from the cattle wharf at  
Kowloon yesterday into his boat and struck his  
head. He was picked up and taken to the  
hospital but died from a fractured skull.  
He was seventy-five years old.The third accident happened at about  
11.30 a.m. Two coolies were seated near a  
hawker's stall in a lane at the back of  
D'Agular Street when the top back win-  
dow of No. 7, 'Jalousies and all, fell  
and landed right on top of one coolie.  
The hawker had a miraculous escape, for his  
stall was smashed to tinder wood, while the  
other coolie escaped with a couple of bruises.  
When the debris was cleared away and the  
first coolie examined it was found that  
life was extinct. He had a severe gash on  
his head from which the brain protruded  
and was also otherwise injured. The  
hawker received a blow on the head and a  
piece of wood struck him on the shin.  
The two injured men were removed to the  
hospital and their wounds were treated,  
while the dead coolie was taken to the  
mortuary.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

On the 16th inst. His Excellency the Go-  
vernor, Sir A. D. C. and the Harbour Master,  
steamed round the eastern half of the  
harbour in the *Victoria* to inspect the  
various points of interest. On the way  
the party visited the Greffier Island Cement  
Company's factory at Kowloon.Our London correspondent wrote on  
November 17: "The new Chinese Minister,  
Li Ching-Feng, has arrived at the Legation  
in Portland Place, and the Chinese Colony  
in London look to a renewal of glories in  
connection with the representation of their  
country in this capital for the new Minister  
is a man of wealth and attainments, includ-  
ing a perfect knowledge of English. Since  
the departure of my good friend the late  
Chi Cheng Lo-Feng Loh, the Chinese  
Legation has not been anything like so  
prominent in social affairs as the Chinese  
Colony wish."THE WEST RIVER  
DEADLOCK.The war of words and the strife of  
tongues in connection with the policing  
of the West River still continues without  
any sign of abatement. Yesterday it was  
noted that there has been formed among  
the natives an Association, the members  
of which have pledged themselves to  
oppose the Government in any concessions  
to foreigners, even unto death. The  
outlook for them is not very bright,  
inasmuch as at first sight seems difficult to  
see in what way they are to oppose the  
powers that be, in order to bring upon  
them the official anger so as to win  
martyrdom.It seems, however, as far as we can  
ascertain, that some of them expect that  
they will be arrested for their expressed  
opposition to the doings of the officials,  
and, in this way they may be executed.  
This result is quite possible, for if there is  
any sign of sedition the officials will not  
hesitate to arrest those who appear to be  
dangerous to the present constitution,  
whatever may be the purpose of those who  
believe they are patriotic. This, then, is the  
aim of the members of this Society, and in  
order to prepare for the possible they have  
subscribed funds in order to support the  
families of those who may lose their lives  
in the interests of the progressiveness of  
State government.One of the most remarkable movements  
of the present time is the number of  
Societies that are being formed throughout  
China, or throughout the South of China,  
in order to acquire power, and "rule  
themselves." Here, too, an outsider can  
hardly know intimately what is the exact  
intention of the promoters of these  
Societies, for their meetings do not allow,  
apparently, to be published any exact  
statement of what the aims of these  
Societies are, except that they state that  
their intention is to strive for self-govern-  
ment. Of course the Chinese have this  
to-day to a greater or less degree. In the  
country towns and the big villages the  
elders have considerable power, and they use  
it in the interest of the village and the near  
neighbourhood something like the members  
of the County Councils act in England.  
We must consequently suppose that the  
present movement is something far more  
radical than this, and that the power,  
after which the people are struggling,  
will enable them to interfere with and  
help to settle matters that are of national  
interest. But, as we said before, what  
matters they wish to interfere with and  
control do not appear to be clearly set  
forth. Meanwhile the powers that be,  
specially the press, continue to send forth  
their diatribes of opposition against the  
officials on the one hand and the English  
on the other, because of the present in-  
vasion of the inland waters by British  
gunboats. Nor do these writers content  
themselves with mere abuse. They have  
at their fingers' end the articles of the  
several treaties which China has made  
with Foreign Powers, and they quote  
them, and argue from them in a  
very able way.Only yesterday there was a leader in one  
of the papers which quoted an article that  
dealt with the very matter that is now so  
acute. Apparently, the article says (we  
have not the English version with us at  
present) that when robberies are perpetrat-  
ed—and robberies include piracy—every  
effort must be made by the native  
officials to arrest the robbers, and, when  
any of the stolen property is recovered, it  
shall be handed back to the rightful owner  
through the medium of the nearest Consul.  
The writer goes on to point out that there  
is nothing said here as to paying an in-  
demnify. The officials only are liable  
when the property is recovered. Then it  
must be restored at once, otherwise the  
matter ends as far as indemnification goes.  
The writer then states that every effort  
was made to arrest the robbers in the  
case of piracy on the West River, but  
the property could not be recovered, and  
so the matter should end.What we can hardly foresee is what the  
immediate future will or may develop. It  
is quite certain that the people are stirred  
to opposition as they have not been moved  
before, and when they are in this state,  
and with this Association behind them, in  
which there are men like the Nihilists in  
Russia who do not value their lives, but  
who are willing to sacrifice them in the  
interests of their country, there may be  
an outbreak that will be disastrous for  
Europeans before the outbreak can be  
quelled. We are not saying that those  
things will be, but we are justified in  
pointing out that with the present state of  
feeling and the formation of these Societies  
behind it is by no means an impossible  
thing that there should be an outbreak,  
and, if there were, it could certainly be a  
furious one.

OXFORD'S NEW PRIZE.

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Nov. 7.

We are likely to hear a good deal about  
the latest prize established at Oxford.  
The University has set apart the sum of  
£1,000, contributed by the pupils and  
admirers of the late Professor Weldon,  
and the proceeds from this fund will be  
awarded to the scholar, European,  
American, Colonial, or Asiatic, who, in  
the opinion of the judges, has done the  
best piece of work in connection with  
Bionnetic Science during the previous six  
years. Professor W. F. Weldon, it may  
be recalled, died in the spring of last year,  
when he was only forty-six, and it was  
said of him that he had been able to found  
a new school of zoologists.WHY SUFFER FROM RHEUMATISM.  
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FOOCHOW RACES.

SECOND DAY—Dec. 17.

The results of the first three races are  
not to hand. The remainder are as  
follows:  
THE HONGKONG CUP—\$150. One mile and  
a half.  
Mr Oswald's Mainstay 155 lbs ... 1  
THE CHAANZER CUP—Presented by  
The Hongkong Jockey Club. Three  
quarters of a mile.  
Mr Min's Scarlet Runner 152 lbs ... 1  
THE COMPANION CUP—Presented. One  
mile and a half.  
Mr Min's Day Run, 152 lbs ... 1  
THE FOOCHOW STAKES—of \$10 each, \$100  
added. One mile and a quarter.  
Mr Min's Corrie, 152 lbs ... 1

A TURBINE STEAMER.

First to Arrive in Hongkong:

The *Hirate Maru*, the first turbine  
steamer to arrive in Hongkong, entered  
the harbour about 10 a.m. to-day flying  
the Japanese flag. She was built at  
Dumbarton for the Japanese State Rail-  
way Company to run between Nagasaki  
and Dany. She is a very fine craft, fitted  
for first and second class passengers, and  
made about 10½ knots on her trial. She is  
647 tons net register.

THE BANDMANN'S.

Last night the Bandmann Company  
played "Beauty and the Beast," a light  
comedy by W. W. Jacobs and L. N.  
Parker. There is not much scope in the  
piece for really strong acting, but it is  
brimful of amusing situations which were  
cleverly developed and sustained, and  
induced roars of laughter from the  
audience. The chief character of the  
play is a Miss Ethel Smedley, who is  
engaged to be married to a Mr Herbert  
Manners, a Russian who has come all the  
way from Russia to marry her. She  
refuses to marry the Russian, however,  
thus provoking the wrath of her father.  
She decides to go to London and join the  
stage, so, meeting a Capt. James Barley,  
she asks, and he consents, to take her  
there, in accordance to him, his harque, but  
in reality, a large. She also accidentally  
meets a Lieut. Seyton Byrne, R.N., who  
is struck with her beauty, and hearing of  
her flight he obtains a berth on the barge  
as first mate, and goes with her. So the  
story goes on, with many amusing incidents,  
till everything is settled happily by Miss  
Smedley marrying the Lieutenant, and  
the Russian marrying her cousin, Miss  
Lucy Dallas.Miss Helen Grenville, as Ethel Smedley,  
the centre of the piece, was very good,  
indeed, her acting being most natural;  
while Mr. Claude King played the  
Lieutenant's part in his usual finished style.  
Mr. H. Sinclair Carter made a most ex-  
cellent Captain James Barley, causing a  
great deal of amusement. Mr. Sydney T.  
Peace was the fussy, irate Major to life.  
Miss Dorcas Corbie, a maid at the Smedley's  
and owner of three cottages—also much in  
love with the Captain and not a little with  
John Dicks—was perhaps the most finished  
player on the stage; at all events her  
rendering of the part seemed faultless.  
Miss May Dallas gave a very pretty  
interpretation of the heroine's cousin,  
Lucy Dallas. Mr. Clifford Brown as John  
Dicks, the jolly sick gardener, and Mr. H.  
Vardell as George Porter, the timid beer  
house proprietor, were both good, as were  
also the others who took the minor parts.  
To-night the Company plays "The Earl  
of Pawtucket."

"THE LAND OF LILLIPUT."

The American and Canadian papers vied  
with one another in laudation of the  
Pollard Lilliputians during their recent  
(which was also their fourth) tour round  
the world. "Marvellous minnows,"  
"famous aggregation of two-year-olds,"  
"these wonderful tots," are only a meagre  
selection from the vocabulary of admiring  
"epithets" lavished upon the little people  
of Pollard's Lilliputians. The "Oregonian"  
says:—"There are two classes of people  
who must enjoy to the limit the perfor-  
mances of Pollard's kiddies. They are the  
adults who have youth in their hearts and  
who love children, and the children in  
whose spotless souls there is left the capacity  
for wholesome and irresistible laughter."  
For that third class who have lost the  
capacity for enjoying innocent soul-cleans-  
ing mirth and joyous song there may be no  
chance of their coming in rapport with the  
mirth, gambols, music, the deliciously  
ridiculous, sincere, impersonations of those  
talented tiny Theatians. "It is  
impossible," exclaims the Winnipeg "Tele-  
gram," "to praise too highly these brilliant  
juveniles from the antipodes. No Metro-  
politan Company of veteran actors could  
have given a more polished rendering of  
the over-popular musical comedy, "The  
Bells of New York." The Montreal  
"Herald" declared that "the farcical  
performances of the Pollard's Troupe was  
one of the most remarkable demonstrations  
of personal affection of which a Montreal  
audience has ever been guilty." The gay  
little Lilliputians of "The Bells of New  
York" Co. are carrying away with them  
the hearts of a host of the disconsolate girls  
they leave behind them. The Lilliputian  
inaugurate their return, after a three years'  
absence, by opening their Hongkong season  
in the Theatre Royal next Saturday  
evening, December 21st, with "The Bells  
of New York." The Box Office is at the  
Robinson Piano Co.

THE TYPHOON.

The U. S. Consulate has received the  
following telegram from the Manila  
Observatory, "December 17, 1907, at 4  
p.m. Typhoon approaching near Northern  
Mindanao and Southern Visayas."Of the 45,800 Chinese coolies on the  
Rand on Sept. 30, 59 died in October and  
2,892 were discharged—for repatriation—  
leaving 42,338 in the country at the end of  
the month.



## BY TELEGRAPH. BY TELEGRAPH.

## SOUTH AFRICA.

## Dinizulu Gaoled.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 17.

The disaffected chief Dinizulu, together with his attendants, has arrived at Maritzburg and has been lodged in gaol.

## ROMAN CATHOLICISM.

## The Pope Deplores Attacks.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 17.

In the College of Cardinals, Rome, His Holiness the Pope deplored the attacks which have been made on the Roman Catholic Church, even by those who should have safeguarded it.

He denounced the Modernists.

## MOROCCO.

## Eight Hours' Fighting.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

Severe fighting between the French forces and the Moors has taken place in the gorges of Ainef.

The engagement lasted eight hours, but eventually the Moors were driven from their positions and the gorges captured by the French.

Benis Assen lost heavily and the French had sixteen wounded.

## RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 16.

The St. Petersburg papers state that owing to the crowded state of the Russian and Siberian prisons, the Government has been asked to sanction the re-establishment of the convict settlement in Sakhalin.

## UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET.

LONDON, December 16.

The English papers publish lengthy comments and descriptions of the American Pacific squadron, due to sail to-day. Admiral Evans' farewell statement and other indications are regarded in America as foreshadowing a visit to the Philippines, where it is believed half the squadron will remain and the rest return via Suez.

## Review by the President.

LONDON, December 16.

President Roosevelt on board of the Mayflower, reviewed the fleet of 16 battleships with their auxiliaries, a total of 67 ships, prior to its departure for the Pacific.

The vessels sailed out headed by the Mayflower amid thundering salutes from the forts. The scene was a most impressive one.

## THIEVES ON THE RAILWAY.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 7.

There has been considerable trouble of late on the Samshui branch of the Canton-Hankow Railway about baggage. Many thieves are plying their trade in various ways. One favourite method is to exchange a worthless bundle for a valuable looking bundle, either in the passenger carriage or luggage van as opportunity is afforded. Many pieces of baggage have been stolen outright. The authorities are taking steps to protect the baggage. Two special guards are put on each train to go through each carriage frequently, and special luggage van tickets are issued to owners of valuable packages so that they may sit in the luggage van and protect their luggage.

## CHAMBERLAIN'S COUGH REMEDY CURES QUICKLY, SAFELY, AND EASILY.

M. R. M. Canier, proprietor of the Universal Supply Store at Smalwood, O.R.C., says: "I have used and sold Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for over five years in South Africa and find it gives relief in a very short time and always gives satisfaction to my customers. When I was in England on a trip I was sorry to find that I could not procure this remedy, as a doctor's advice or anything else would not cure me so quickly, safely and easily. This medicine is sold all over South Africa and there is nothing better for coughs, colds or croup, as it contains absolutely nothing injurious and is perfectly safe to give the little ones. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers."

## THE TEST MATCH.

## Still Raining.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

STURKESS, December 18, 2.15 p.m.

Rain fell steadily yesterday afternoon and continued to-day.

Play has not been resumed as it is still raining.

[The fact that rain has prevented play to-day does not necessarily mean that the match will be abandoned, for at the commencement of the tour it was agreed that all test matches should be played out to a finish. The Englishmen's next engagement is against Victoria at Melbourne and a start is to be made on Saturday, which means that the team must leave Sydney early on Friday, unless they are to travel by the night express, and a night's journey in a train immediately before an important match would certainly be prejudicial to England's chances. Though five of the Victorian team will accompany them. However, given fine weather to-morrow the match should finish early. The wicket will not be improved by the rain—if it has been heavy—and England's prospects of a win are brighter now than at any stage of the match.—Ed., T.M.]

## KIANGSU RAILWAY LOAN.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.

Prince Ching, President of the Grand Council, interviewed the British Minister yesterday with reference to the Kiangsu railway loan.

His Imperial Highness endeavored to effect a cancellation of the agreement, to which the representative of Great Britain strongly objected.

Compromise in various forms was suggested, and the Chinese Government suggested using the money for other purposes.

## LATER.

As a consequence of the trouble in connection with the Kiangsu railway question, Prince Ching, Natang, Yuan Shih Kai, Wang Tai Shi, and Liang Tzu Yun, all of the Waiwupu, have memorialised the Throne of their inability to effect a settlement and have asked to be relieved of office.

## CHINESE CONSUL FOR ANNAM.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.

As the result of a cable memorial from the Imperial Commissioner Yang Shi Chi, the Waiwupu has opened negotiations with the French Minister for the despatch of Chinese Consul.

Generals at Saigon and Hanoi in order to effect better co-operation with the French Authorities there to deal with members of the Secret Societies.

## THE CANADIAN RIOT.

## A Question of Compensation.

(Chinese Mail's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.

The Peking Government has wired the Charge d'Affaires of the Chinese Legation at Washington for full particulars relating to the damages suffered by Chinese merchants in the recent anti-Asiatic riot in Canada, in order that the same may be forwarded to the Chinese Minister at London to negotiate for the payment of compensation.

## OLD BUILDINGS.

## Precautions in Canton.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, December 17.

One result of the recent disaster when the walls of a large restaurant collapsed and killed nearly one hundred persons and the issue of a proclamation by the Police Department forbidding magic lanterns and moving picture exhibitions with the permission of the Police. It is pointed out that there are many old buildings in the cities and such exhibitions draw large crowds together. If, upon examination of the building, where it is proposed to hold an exhibition, the premises are found to be safe, the required permission will be granted. This offers a new opportunity for the Police Office to inquire or to use a modern American expression to get "graff," but if conducted honestly ought to work for the public weal.

## THE WEST RIVER FLOTILLA.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, Dec. 17.

A gentleman who has just come down the West River says that the British gunboats are actively patrolling the waterways. Every vessel, small and large, sailing under the British flag is expected to dip her colours to every British gunboat met. The launch that he was travelling on failed to do so when a torpedo boat was met, and it was chased and overhauled and the Chinese captain was reprimanded, besides having his name reported for official report and censure. Four vessels are patrolling the waters between Kongmun and Shiu Hing. The agitation over the matter seems to be abating.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## CLOTHING FOR LEPROS.

(To the Editor of the CHINA MAIL.)

Sir—Last year many sent to me clothing for the Lepros in Canton; it was most acceptable. Almost any garments for either sex can be turned to good use. I shall be pleased to receive any for transmission. He gives twice who gives quickly. Yours, etc.,

C. H. HICKLING.

The Manse, 5 Kennedy Road, Dec. 18th.

## A PIRACY CASE.

## A Question of Law.

In the Court of Criminal Sessions this morning before His Lordship Sir Francis Pigott (Chief Justice) Wong Chun Tin, Lum Suk On, Chan Wa and Chung Fu Sing were indicted on charges of piracy and armed robbery.

The Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies (Attorney-General) prosecuted on behalf of the Crown; the accused were undefended and pleaded not guilty.

The indictment was a lengthy one and as it charged them with piracy, or in the alternative, armed robbery, His Lordship pointed out that he had great doubts as to whether there was any common law offence, if there was an offence under an ordinance.

The Attorney General remarked that they had had some difficulty in drawing up the indictment; it was a question whether the accused were committed for trial under an ordinance which had no application, for that ordinance dealt only with setting out for the purpose of piracy, as in the Foreign Enlistment Act. The question arose whether the offence was committed in the waters of the Colony or on the high seas and the alternative indictment was filed to meet any possible contingency.

Sir Francis directed the Attorney General's attention to the fact that the old Piracy Ordinance was still in force, for under the constitution of the Colony all statutes in force in England in 1841 were in force in the Colony.

The Attorney General was not sure whether the Piracy Ordinance met the case. The evidence apparently went to show that the offence was committed within the territorial waters.

The Chief Justice—Within the waters of the Colony? Then you do not require the Piracy Ordinance?

The Attorney General—The reason we employed the alternative count is that armed robbery would meet the case and I have based it on a direct precedent in this Court; the case was tried before Your Lordship and a conviction obtained.

The Chief Justice—The point was never raised.

The Attorney General—In that case the charge was merely one of armed robbery although it took place at sea. Assuming the offence to have been committed on the high seas it is piracy by common law; assuming it did not the other counts meet the case.

The Chief Justice—If the evidence is that the offence occurred off Lamma Island I should drop the common law counts.

The Attorney General concurred and the following jurors were chosen—Messrs O. Glover, T. Seggie, A. Ogilvie, A. M. Jaffer, H. E. Craddock, I. S. Levy and E. Howard.

The Attorney General, in outlining the case for the Crown, said that on November 14 four men were fishing on a junk near Lamma Island and about eight o'clock at night were hauling in the nets when another boat, containing six persons came alongside. Four men jumped aboard, armed with knives and revolvers or other firearms, and one of the fishermen was either pushed or fell overboard. He was rescued by the robbers and put on their own junk, and then the fishing junk was searched and a box containing \$54 in small coin taken away, as well as some fish, etc. The motor was reported to the police and four days later the junk was paid a second visit and various articles stolen. The four prosecutors told the same story but the difficulty would be with the identification, though the Attorney General thought there would be little difficulty in proving that the same men participated in each attack. The stolen property was recovered by the police and identified.

## PNEUMONIA.

THIS is one of the most dangerous and often fatal diseases. It always results from a cold or an attack of influenza. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy quickly cures these diseases and counteracts any tendency towards pneumonia. It is made especially for these and similar ailments. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

## HOME SPORTING.

## OUR SPECIAL LETTER.

BOMBAY, November 16.

DEVON DOWN—The surprise of the Rugby Union matches on Saturday was the defeat of Devon by Gloucestershire in the County Championship match at Cheltenham. The winning team contains some rare robust forwards and as Devon is not so strong this season, we may see the "balance of power" altered somewhat in the west. Oxford narrowly defeated the Harlequins, in spite of the help of the South African and New Zealand blood, but Cambridge easily defeated Blackheath and appear to be very powerful this season. Then we had Swansea and Cardiff beating Leicester and Moseley by five to nil and 19 to nil respectively. In Scotland the chief games resulted in Glasgow Academicals beating West of Scotland (8 to 0) while Edinburgh University disposed of Edinburgh Wanderers by three points to nil.

ASSOCIATION.—For the first time in the history of London football, we have had what might be termed a meeting of London teams in first league fray on Saturday. The occasion was the Chelsea v. Woolwich Arsenal match at Stamford Bridge and no less than 60,000 spectators were present. Chelsea played a real good game and, though a man short for a good portion of the second half, won by two goals to one. On the day's play there is no reason why Chelsea should not retain a position in the first league. As to other matches, Manchester United reaped still another victory (4-3) on entertaining Everton, while the biggest victory of the day was Liverpool's 6 goals to nil triumph over Notts County. St. Mirren could only draw (2-2) on visiting Glasgow Rangers and as Dundee beat Third Lanark (1-0), Dundee now head the Scottish table with 22 points for 13 games.

CRICKET—His Highness the Jam of Newnagar, or "Ranjit," as he is still fondly spoken of by the cricket public, is again in England. Mr. A. C. MacLaren met the famous Indian cricketer at Dover and no doubt they had a pleasant chat over past deeds on the cricket field. Ranjit says he is as fond of cricket as ever and he advises young players to lose no chance of standing up to good bowling. The great ex-Cambridge and Sussex batsman may be in England for six or eight months (he is here under medical advice) and it is not beyond the realms of possibility that he may take some part in first class cricket before returning.

WHAT OF OUR TEAM NOW?—"One swallow does not make a summer," but the way the new blood in the M. C. C. team now in Australia is asserting itself is very satisfactory. K. L. Hutchings, J. N. Crawford, J. Hobbs and J. Hardestad may not catch the eye like Hayward Tidyale, Hirst and Fry, but they are young players of very great possibilities and the writer feels confident that they will all return with enhanced reputations. The doings of the Englishmen against South Australia this week makes one hopeful. It is a very fast pitch at Adelaide to find four men making centuries—A. O. Jones, 119; L. C. Braund, 160; J. Hardestad, 136; and J. N. Crawford 114—shows that the Englishmen have soon adapted themselves to new conditions. Braund is an old stager and his success creates no surprise. Jones failed on the fast pitches when in Australia before so that his success now is very pleasing. That Hardestad and Crawford appear to be quite at home gives more grounds for satisfaction and ought to reassure those who feared the latter would be handicapped by the glare on his glasses as though a green shade or a Panama would not meet the situation. Once the South Australians' total was passed (with only four wickets down) hard hitting was the order and the spectators saw some fast scoring. The fifth hundred was made in forty minutes and the sixth in 24 minutes. Crawford was particularly aggressive, making his fifty in 24 minutes and his century in 53 minutes and his full score in 58 minutes, his hits including three sixes and eighteen fours. In justice to the Australians it must be remembered that the thunder showers were enough to make the ball slippery while the pitch was none the worse. With 600 runs up for eight the skipper declared the innings closed and getting the Australians out again for 134 gained a splendid win. Crawford was a great factor; his five wickets for 40 runs makes one hopeful that the Surrey team will be very much to the fore.

THE TURF—Visitors from overseas countries frequently express surprise that some of our chief races at Newmarket can only be partly viewed from the Grand stands. The Cesarewitch is a glaring example and it does strike the average man as absurd that a course should be used which only allows of about half the race being seen. Mr. Hugh Astley recently submitted a proposal to the Stewards of the Jockey Club that the course should be altered, but the answer was "We do not feel inclined to alter such an old established race." This is very unsatisfactory and this clinging to old traditions can be carried too far. It is possible to lay out magnificent courses at Newmarket to meet all demands and still give spectators a view of the racing from start to finish. It would also be better if the officials always had the jockeys under observation and it is really time "the powers that be" showed more inclination to move with the times. Racing now-a-days is very different to what it was when events like the Cesarewitch were first run, when most of the spectators who attended Newmarket Heath were mounted on horses, so that getting to and from the starting and finishing places was rather enjoyable.

PAU-MUTUEL BETTING—Some day we may have enough broad minded men in Parliament to legalize betting. The statistics of the pari-mutuel system in France during 1907 ought to make some of our M.P.'s think seriously over the subject. No less than £120,000,000 passed through the totalisator; the Government getting 8 per cent., or about £1,000,000. This was put to such useful purposes as—charity donations £240,000, improving the breed of horses £120,000, £112,000 for assisting agriculture and lesser sums for other matters.

A Royal Commission has declared that betting itself is not illegal and save for a few faddists it is recognised that it will never be stopped. It is a pity, therefore, it is not officially recognised, as fees for bookmakers' licences and a percentage of pari-mutuals would bring in very big sums for useful purposes.

## SPORTING.

## Billiards.

"The Sporting Life," of Nov. 16 has very complimentary reference to Mr. E. H. Hinda. Writing regarding Mr. Stevenson's visit to Hongkong the paper says: "Almost as 'hot' as the weather was the amateur members of the Hongkong Club found to pit against Stevenson, in a couple of exhibition games of 1000 up on the evening of Sept. 23 last. Fortunately for our sense of national pride the opponent referred to (Mr. Hinda) is an Englishman, and who proved himself the finest amateur player Stevenson has run up against since he left these shores for his round-the-world tour in March last. This is a feather in Mr. Hinda's cap."

## GOLF.

THE HONGKONG CHAMPIONSHIP.—The Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club has been concluded and once again for the fifth time, in fact—Mr. T. S. Forrest has come out on top, beating Lieut. Colonel Dumbleton in the final by six up and five to play. The game was a keen one and was played in two sessions, eighteen holes (twice round) in the forenoon and eighteen holes in the afternoon. At the end of the first eighteen holes the competitors were "all square" but in the afternoon Mr. Forrest showed by far the better skill and won comparatively easily.

The preceding rounds resulted as follows:—

FIRST ROUND.—Mr. W. D. Kraft beat Mr. C. W. May, 2-1; Mr. H. Pinckney beat Mr. M. A. Murray, 1 up; Mr. R. O. Hutchison beat Mr. W. J. Saunders, 5-4; Mr. T. S. Forrest beat Lt. T. E. A. Dalyell, 1 up; Lieut. C. R. Down beat Mr. A. W. J. Watt, 6-5; Mr. W. M. Anderson beat Mr. F. W. Ware, 1 up; Lieut. H. C. R. Boucher beat Major H. E. Lewis, 3-2; Mr. E. F. Mackay received a walk-over from Mr. T. C. Gray; and the following received byes—Messrs J. Douglas, E. J. Grist, R. W. Slade, C. P. Chater, D. B. Murray, Dr. G. M. Harston, Lieut. Col. H. N. Dumbleton, Paymaster H. G. Wilson, R.N.

SECOND ROUND.—Mr. Grist beat Mr. Anderson, 4-3; Mr. Wilson beat Mr. Slade, 5-4; Mr. Pinckney beat Mr. H. Kraft, 2-1; Mr. Forrest beat Mr. Hutchison, 3-2; Mr. Anderson beat Lieut. Down, 4-3; Mr. Mackay beat Lieut. Boucher, 4-2; Lieut. Col. Dumbleton received a walk-over from Mr. Chater; Mr. Murray beat Dr. Harston, 2-1.

THIRD ROUND.—Mr. Grist beat Mr. Wilson, 4-3; Mr. Forrest beat Mr. Pinckney, 5-3; Mr. Mackay beat Mr. Anderson, 4-2; Lieut. Col. Dumbleton beat Mr. Murray, 6-5.

FOURTH ROUND.—Mr. Forrest beat Mr. Grist, 5-4; Lieut. Col. Dumbleton beat Mr. Mackay, 4-3.

FIFTH.—Mr. Forrest beat Lieut. Col. Dumbleton, 6-5.

Mr. Grist, last year's champion, was beaten in the semi-final by Mr. Forrest. It is interesting to note that Lieut. Colonel Dumbleton won the championship in 1893 (he was then Captain) and the runner-up in that year was Dr. "Jim" Lowrie.

ROBERTSON PARVILLI CUP.—The Robertson Parvilli Cup competition has been concluded, Mr. E. J. Grist being the winner. This cup was presented by Mr. H. W. Robertson, of Messrs Butterfield and Swire, to be competed for monthly for two years, from January, 1906, to December, 1907. Last week-end therefore saw its conclusion.

The conditions were the best six net scores out of the twenty-four and the best average score to win. Altogether fifty-two competitors entered for the contest, but only eight put in the requisite number of cards. The position of these at the finish was:—

## Cricket.

—HONGKONG—

### HONGKONG v. THE LEAGUE.

The annual match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the League will take place on Christmas and Boxing Days, commencing at 2 p.m. and 11 a.m. respectively. The teams are as follow—

HONGKONG CLUB.     R. Hancock, H. Hancock, W. O. D. Turner, Major Lewis T. E. Pearce, A. E. Lanning, A. W. J. Peake, Captain Kriekenbeek. A. A.

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COMBINED LEAGUE TEAM: W. Edwards and C. Irvine (Police), Lance Corp. Roberts and Bandman Barton (Middlesex Regiment), Walter Dixon (Kowloon), E. R. Reed, R. O. Hutchison, and R. C. Wiltchall (Civil Service), Lieut. Lucy (R.C.A.), L. J. Wiltchall (Telegraph) and A. O. Haver (Craneowner). Reserves: W. B. Powell, R. Bass, C. M. S. Owen, R. Pestonji and others.

A COMPLAINT.—A correspondent, writing under the nom-de-plume of "Learner," has a complaint against the mode of selection and says:—"The committee were handicapped in being unable to choose their best team, because the Hongkong Cricket Club had retained four league players, viz., Captain Kriekenbeek, A. A. Claxton, E. A. Fowler and A. W. J. Peake. These four players if available, would have almost certain chance of being picked for the League team and without them the team is not very competitive. In consequence, what should be one of the best games of the season is spoilt."

Further comment is superfluous, but is Fowler a league player? If he is, he is available, as the Hongkong Club have not picked him.

## Rugby Football.

There will be a match on the Club ground to-morrow afternoon at 4.30 p.m. when a team captained by Lieut. Larnour, R.A., will oppose a Naval XV. Mr. Larnour's team, which will have the assistance of several civilian members of the H.K.F.C., will play in colours.

On Friday the H.K.F.C. will meet a Naval team arranged by Lt. Isaacson, R.N. The Club will play in colours, and the kick-off will be at 4.40 p.m. sharp. Both games are expected to produce interesting struggles.

In view of the International match, when England and Wales will play Scotland and Ireland, which is set down for 28th inst., these matches will partake somewhat of the nature of trial matches, and as there are many amateurs for this important encounter, no doubt the keenness displayed will be very noticeable.

## RAISING TOBACCO IN CHINA.

According to the reports of Vice-Consul General W. B. Hull, at Hankow, to the Department of Commerce and Labour, Vicroy Chang Chih-tung established about eighteen months ago a tobacco plantation at a place between thirty and forty miles below Hankow, with the idea of making tests and experiments in growing and preparing Chinese and foreign tobacco leaves. The results are described by Mr. Hull as follows:

"An Englishman residing in Hankow was put in charge of the work, and went to Manila, where he secured a Philippine tobacco grower to take direct charge of the plantation and superintend the cultivation and preparation. Tobacco seeds were also brought from the Philippine Islands, with a view of growing and testing their productiveness in Chinese soil. The work was also made to improve the Chinese tobacco by scientific cultivation. "The crop of 1906 proved fairly satisfactory, good cigars being made from the Philippine tobacco; but very little improvement was found in the Chinese tobacco. This year Chinese tobacco was again planted, and also some seeds of Kentucky tobacco. The latter has made a wonderful growth, and produced large and excellent leaves. As soon as the leaves have been cured they will be made up in the ways best suited for testing their quality."

"It is the vicroy's wish to either improve the native tobacco or else secure seeds from foreign countries which will grow in this soil and climate. When the proper thing is found, I understand that he will place the seeds within reach of the native growers of tobacco, at the same time encouraging them to improve their seeds and plants and to carry on the cultivation along more scientific lines. The demand for native tobacco will no doubt increase, owing to the large quantities which will be used by foreign manufacturers in China, and tobacco smoking will certainly grow with the suppression of opium smoking. As a result of larger crops of better tobacco the revenues of the Province will be increased and the income to the land owners raising tobacco will be increased. This seems to be the idea of the vicroy in making these experiments."

## A HUGE FORTUNE.

Miss Gladys Vanderbilt's Wealth.

New York, November 3.

By the signature of the necessary documents last week, Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, who is engaged to Count Szechynski, came into actual possession of her vast property, of which she had had nominal control since her twenty-first birthday on August 27. The final document was that by which her mother relinquished her trusteeship.

As Miss Vanderbilt is the last of the grandchildhood to come of age, the grandchild's estate, which was valued at \$18,000,000, is now worth up. From this source alone she receives upwards of \$200,000, but it is from her father that she receives the bulk of her fortune. Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt left her more than \$1,000,000 in railway bonds. These, since his death in 1899, have been in the hands of trustees, and their value has been enhanced with the passage of time.

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 Registration at 5 p.m.  
 Registration, with late fee of 10 cents, up to 2.40 p.m.  
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Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Price up.	Closing Quotation.
<b>BANKS.</b>				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. do.	80,000	125	all	\$715, sales
National Bank of China, Limited.	98,925	2	7 1/2	\$715, sales
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	250	50	\$245
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	24,000	88.33	25	\$240, buyers
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	12	6	\$18, sellers
Union Insurance Society, Limited.	10,000	250	100	\$797
Yantai Insurance Association Ltd.	8,000	100	80	\$135, buyers
<b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	100	20	\$94, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	\$330 sales
Yong, etc.	50,000	50	all	\$96
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	13,000	25	25	\$14
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	10,000	64	64	\$10, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co., Ltd.	55,700	100	100	\$10, sellers
<b>STEAMSHIPS, TUGS, ETC.</b>				
China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	25	25	\$15
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited.	20,000	50	all	\$38
H.R. O. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	15	15	\$25
Indo-China S. N. Company, Ltd.	60,000	5	all	\$40, Profid.
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	10	10	\$21, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	10,000	10	5	\$11, buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	3,600	10	50	\$14
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	200,000	10	50	\$14
to Preference	100,000	10	50	\$14
<b>SHIPBROKERS.</b>				
China Sugar Company, Limited.	20,000	100	all	\$38
Luzon Sugar Company, Limited.	7,000	100	all	\$10, buyers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	7,000	100	50	\$10, buyers
<b>WHEATS.</b>				
H.K. & Kow. Wheat & Godown Co.	40,000	50	all	\$62, sellers
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co.	32,000	100	100	\$10, buyers
<b>LAND AND BUILDING.</b>				
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.	50,000	100	100	\$66, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	100	100	\$10, buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Ltd.	6,000	50	30	\$35, sellers
Wei-hai-wei Land & Building Co.	3,874	10	25	\$10, buyers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co.	150,000	10	50	\$10, buyers
West Point Building Co., Limited.	13,500	50	50	\$10, buyers
<b>TRAMWAYS.</b>				
The Peak Tramways Co., Ltd.	25,000	10	all	\$13
	50,000	10	1	\$2
<b>MINING.</b>				
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	18,000	500	all	\$500, buyers
Raub Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	1	12/10	\$83, sellers
<b>HOTELS, ETC.</b>				
Hotel Continental, Ltd.	13,000	50	all	\$100, buyers
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	30,000	45	25	\$21
<b>DISPENSARIES.</b>				
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	10	10	\$10
Watkins Limited	10,000	10	10	\$20, buyers
<b>LIGHTING.</b>				
H.K. and China Gas Co., Limited.	7,000	10	all	\$175, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	10	10	\$10
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	80,000	10	10	\$15
<b>BRICK AND CEMENT.</b>				
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	400,000	10	10	\$11, sales & buyers
<b>MERCANTILES.</b>				
Bei's Asbestos Katsura Agency, Limited	8,604	2	12/8	\$6
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	100,000	10	10	\$10
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	50,000	10	10	\$100, buyers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	25,000	10	10	\$10, sales & buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	10	10	\$10, buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	7,200	20	20	\$35
H'kong Rope Manufactory Co., Ltd.	50,000	10	10	\$25 sales
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	10	10	\$10 sellers
Sing Co., Limited	20,000	10	10	\$10
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Limited	10,000	75	75	\$10
Lau-Kung-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	10	10	\$10
Yee Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	50	50	\$10
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co., Limited	200,000	1	1	\$20, buyers
China Bureau Cotton Ltd.	60,000	13	12	\$10, sellers
Wampbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	10	all	\$10, buyers
Yan. Powell, Limited	12,000	10	10	\$5, buyers
South China Morning Post	4,000	25	25	\$32, sellers
China Light and Power Company	50,000	10	10	\$6, sellers
Team Laundry Company, Limited	50,000	1	1	\$6, sellers
<b>UGAR COMPANIES.</b>				
Philippine Co., Limited	67,500	10	10	\$5
Thamra Limited	300	500	50	Nominal
<b>TEAS.</b>				
Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.	
Chinese Imperial 1888	787,200	350	% p. annum	P.
VERNON and SMYTH, Share-Brokers				